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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I personally want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to continue the education of learning another language. You may be wondering who I am. My name is Ms./Señorita Ward and I am currently attending UW-Oshkosh with a major in Spanish Education and a minor in English as a Second Language (ESL). I plan to graduate in the spring of 2011. I have studied Spanish for about 10 years and am enthusiastic about anything Spanish-related. In fact, I lived in Spain during the 2008-2009 school year while attending university there and teaching Spanish students conversational English. I also have four years of experience in teaching Spanish as a second/foreign language, including to students with learning disabilities, from 1st grade to college students.

This opportunity that you and your student have given me by taking an interest in Spanish as an elective will enhance my effectiveness and overall experience as a teacher. I truly believe that your child will not be the only one who benefits from this experience; rather, from experience, I know your child will teach me more than I could hope to learn in a college classroom. Our classroom will be a fun, educational and respectful environment. In Spanish 2, we will explore the language and many cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. Because the process of learning a foreign language takes a lot of patience and dedication, we will all need to work together and support each other through this exciting, but sometimes difficult, journey. I can't wait to get started! ¡Ánimo! ★

I will be keeping any online activities we do along with any homework and announcements on my personal website designed specifically for the Spanish 2A/2B classes at: <http://shannonward.wikispaces.com/>. I absolutely encourage you to contact me if there are any questions or concerns whatsoever. I have included my e-mail address and cell phone number in the information at the top of this letter. I look forward to having your child in my class and to meeting you! ¡Gracias!

Sincerely,

Ms. Shannon Ward

Señorita Shannon Ward